

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A pneumatic tire including a cylindrical crown portion, and a pair of sidewalls and a pair of bead portions, the sidewalls and the bead portions being continuous from both sides of the crown portion, in which a decorative portion having tops and bottoms continue with each other thereon is arranged on at least one of the sidewalls,

characterized in that protruding portions higher than the tops of the decorative portion are provided, and joined portions of the protruding portion and decorative portion and/or of the protruding portions are higher than the bottoms of the decorative portion.

2. (original): The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein a high decorative portion having bottoms higher than the bottoms of the decorative portion and the tops continue with each other thereon is provided on the joined portion of the protruding portions.

3. (original): A pneumatic tire including a cylindrical crown portion, and a pair of sidewalls and a pair of bead portions, the sidewalls and the bead portions being continuous from both sides of the crown portion, in which a decorative portion having tops and bottoms continue with each other thereon is arranged on at least one of the sidewalls,

characterized in that protruding portions higher than the tops of the decorative portion are provided, and flat portions higher than the bottoms of the decorative portion are provided on bottoms between the protruding portions adjacent to each other.

4. (original): The pneumatic tire according to claim 3, wherein a ratio of a width of each of the flat portions is 40 to 70% with respect to a width between ends of top surfaces of the protruding portions.

5. (original): The pneumatic tire according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein a corner region connecting the decorative portion and each protruding portion is formed of a round portion.

6. (original): The pneumatic tire according to claim 5, wherein the round portion has a radius of 0.2 to 1.0 mm.

7. (currently amended): The pneumatic tire according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein a height of the joined portion of any of the protruding portion and decorative portion and of the protruding portions is set within a range of 30% to 70% with respect to a height to each top surface of the protruding portions.